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Thursday, March 21, 2024

Athens, Tennessee

Jenkins Returns to the Tribe



Photo Credit: McMinn County High School

After three years of being head coach for the Meigs County Lady Tigers, McMinn County High School has announced that Derika Jenkins will be joining the Lady Cherokees basketball team as its head coach. Jenkins, a 2007 McMinn County graduate was a standout

player for the Lady Cherokees and is returning to her alma mater after seven years as a Lady Tiger coach, four of which included as an assistant coach. McMinn County High School announced the new acquisition on Facebook late Tuesday night. Comments of congratulations poured in from the Cherokee Tribe as fans await to see how Head Coach Jenkins will drive the Lady Cherokees forward in the upcoming season.

Community News You Can Use

✓A called meeting of the City of Athens Recreation Advisory Board will be held today, March 21, at 12:00 pm in the Conference Room at City Hall, located at 815 N. Jackson Street, Athens. The purpose of this meeting is to add credit card payments at the Regional Park concession stand to the City Council agenda meeting and discuss Splash Pad rental fees. For more information, please contact the Office of Parks & Recreation at (423) 744-2704.

✓The Etowah Carnegie Library's next digital literacy class will be held on Tuesday, March 26 at 6pm. This class will provide more in-depth instruction on Microsoft Excel. Digital literacy classes are FREE and no registration is required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own devices! For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit them online at www.etowahlibrary.com.

✓The City of Athens Easter Egg Hunt is taking place at Athens Regional Park on Saturday, March 23. Festivities and Lineup start at 11:30am and hunting will begin promptly at noon.. All ages will be hunting together for 12,000 eggs filled with goodies and prizes.



Easter Drive-Thru

March 23

6 - 8 pm









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Obituaries

◆Doris Jordan, age 77 of McMinn County, passed away on March 19. Doris was known for her dedication to her family, homemaking skills, and unwavering support for her husband's pastoral work. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 2 pm, at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 am to 2 pm prior to the service. Interment will follow at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is handling the arrangements.

♦ Wayne Ray Brown, 83 of Decatur, passed away at his home. He worked as a truck driver for many years and later worked at Decatur Funeral Home. Wayne served as a deacon at Bethsadia Baptist Church. A funeral service will be held on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 23rd in the Shiloh Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Brown Family.

Missing Woman Found

Kathryne Alexis Stayrook of McMinn County was found safe on March 19th. Stayrook, 18, was last seen on March 18th in Athens. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in conjunction with the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, issued a "missing child alert" which was in accordance with the Holly Bobo Act. Stayrook had a medical condition that would have made it difficult for her to return home safely. The TBI reported that she was found Tuesday afternoon and was unharmed.

Ribbon Cutting for Athens Auto Logic

On Tuesday, March 19, Athens Auto Logic, celebrating 25 years in business, joined the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.



Photo provided by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

Pictured front row left to right: Lisa Rhea (Chamber Diplomat), Karen Sullivan (Athens Chamber), Hannah Meyers, Jim Dean (Athens Auto Logic), Allen Landis (Owner/Athens Auto Logic), Dave Christian (Athens Auto Logic), David Fritz (Athens Auto Logic), Mary Roberts, Wes Skinner-(Chamber Diplomat)

Back Row left to Right: Kayleigh Heaton (Congressman Fleischmann's Field Rep.), Stephanie Devine, Rob Preston (Athens Chamber CEO), Hugh Willson (Chamber Diplomat), Hunter Starr (Chamber Diplomat), Doug Bailey (Chamber Diplomat), John Rodriguez (Chamber Board)





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Arrest Reports

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- Sarah Robinson, age 37 of Englewood, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Driving Under the Influence with bond set at \$1,000.
- David Womac, age 21 was arrested by the Tennessee Highway Patrol for Driving Under the Influence, Traffic Violation, Due Care and No Insurance. Bond was assigned of \$1,500.
- Autumn Brooke Tipton, age 30 of Vonore, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Simple Possession of Fentanyl, Driving With a Suspended License, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned of \$16,000.
- SueDeanna Wheaton, age 44 of Riceville, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office on charges of Theft of Property over \$1,000. Bond was assigned of \$2,000.
- Vanessa McClung, age 34 of Grandview, TN, was arrested by the Etowah PD on charges related to a Theft Warrant. Bond was not reported.
- Fredrick Donahue, age 18 of Athens, was arrested for Burglary of a Motor Vehicle, Theft Under \$1,000, and Truancy. Bond was not set.
- Jenne Wilburn, age 24 of Maryville, TN, was arrested by the Etowah PD on charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Failure to Appear. Bond was set at \$42,000.
- Kaleb Hall, age 29 of Madisonville, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Failure to Appear in Monroe County. Bond was not set.
- Brandon Ledford, age 26 of Benton, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office on charges of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia as well as a Warrant from Polk County. He was awaiting transfer to Polk County.

Information gathered from public sources. The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY ACADEMY DAY

Saturday, April 20 | 10:00-11:30 am



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